

Dear Neighbor:

A reliable energy supply and infrastructure to deliver that supply is vital to maintaining our quality of life and growing our economy in Connecticut. However, behind that statement lies a myriad of complexities, competing interests, technologies and technicalities, and environmental and safety concerns.

Durham finds itself smack in the middle of Connecticut's energy discussions due to the proposed 345kV power line upgrade running through our community. I write to you today to update you on that proposal and to invite you to participate in a town meeting, details of which you can also find on this mailer.

I encourage you to attend this meeting and, as always, feel free to contact my office on any issue, with specific questions about state programs or if there are other ways I might be helpful to you.

Sincerely,



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Durham Town Meeting

Please join me at a town meeting-style forum to discuss issues affecting our community—including the impending Norwalk-to-Middletown power line.

*Durham Public Library
7 Maple Ave., Durham
7:00 p.m. • Thursday, March 10th*

TRANSMISSION LINE LEGAL FEES

I am supporting legislation introduced this year to reimburse Durham and other municipalities for expenses incurred in response to transmission line upgrade proposals before the Connecticut Siting Council. This bill is currently winding its way through the legislature. I will be firmly behind this and other proposals which ensure that the high costs of protecting our citizens are not unfairly burdensome on communities affected by these proposals.

SAFER TRANSMISSION LINES

New laws passed last year require the utilities to:

- 1) Bury certain transmission lines if they are adjacent to residential areas, schools, day care centers, camps, and playgrounds, **unless to do so is infeasible.**
- 2) Locate overhead portions of transmission lines within a buffer zone that would protect health and safety.
- 3) Require an assessment of the health and safety impact of the electromagnetic fields.

This legislation was passed to help Connecticut meet its energy needs, while seeking to protect the health and livelihood of its residents. These protections do not seem adequate; we are now addressing that.